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—Miss Pinkney is in Chicago.
—Mr. E. C. Parsons have returned.
—Miss Anna Ayres has returned home.
—A. C. Bardwell is recovering from his severe illness.

—Miss Tott Hawley is home from school for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bethea have returned from Chicago.

—J. H., son of H. J. Drew, is home from Dakota for the winter.

—All our churches are being elaborately decorated for the holidays.

—E. A. Morse gave us a call this morning. He is in good voice and fine spirits.

—Prof. W. L. Hovey with his family have arrived and will make Dixon their future home.

—Mrs. Samuel Bovey is so very ill that it is feared that she will not survive many hours.

—Ed A. Morse and wife arrived here this morning. They are visiting Mrs. Morse's parents and other friends.

—No EVENING TELEGRAPH to-morrow. But we hope all our subscribers will have a merry Christmas just the same.

—We learn that Mr. Cephas Clapp died at his home in Lee Centre Tuesday and will be buried this afternoon. He was an old settler and a much respected citizen. He had been ill some time.

—Mrs. E. E. Smith is visiting her son at Detroit, Michigan. The latter resides there with his family. Mrs. Smith's store will remain open for the accommodation of customers.

—Mrs. Wm. Reed, who was seriously ill at her home in Chicago, is now much better and her friends will be glad to know that they may anticipate her speedy recovery.

—The members of Forest Home Lodge number 137 A. O. U. W. gave their former Master Workman, D. R. Bowles, a rousing old fashioned surprise last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles treated their guest in splendid shape and everybody present had a grand good time.

—City Marshall Woodyatt had an attack of vertigo recently, but he is all right to-day. One of his sons was attacked by the same disease. There was a rumor that the cause of their trouble was coal gas escaping from a stove, but Doctor Brown, the attending physician, says that he does not know that this is true.

—W. S. Melick has taken his departure for the sunny South where he will spend the winter. The young man goes for his health and his many friends here hope that the object of his visit will be fully realized. The readers of THE TELEGRAPH may hear from him and his ideas of that country will be read with considerable interest.

—If the people over in Dement Town should hear an unearthly scream over at Nick Plein's brewery this evening they need not be alarmed thereat. He has put in a steam engine with boiler attachments which may tot in a Tutonic sort of a way to indicate that Nick still runs his still and makes a tonic that is not considered too tonic by his Tutonic customers.

—The Buffalo Courier ventures to express the opinion that Jefferson Davis' chances of obtaining the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1888 cannot be regarded as flattering. And yet if a Republican newspaper should casually drop a conjecture to that effect all the valiant organs of Democracy would hotly protest with indignant tears in their eyes that the bloody shirt was being frantically waved in the unoffending faces of the long-suffering Southern people.

WHAT DO YOUR CHILDREN READ?—In the training of children we believe that too little attention is paid to the books that they read. Much evil has resulted from "Dime Novel" reading. We are certain that many parents are very neglectful of their children as to the matter of reading. It requires effort to prevail upon children to read good books, and because of this fact the subject is not urged upon their attention, and they are allowed to fall into reading habits which are positively pernicious, or are permitted to grow up with none at all. And as they do not learn to draw pleasure from good books, they seek it in other directions, the theatre, the dance, the card and wine table, and the young men the billiard saloon and other resorts more questionable still, present attractions which take the young people away from home and subject them to influences which are dangerous and often destructive. If there had been a good library in the house, and habits of reading had been inculcated, many a young man who is now on the road to ruin, or already ruined, would have been saved. We urge the subject upon the attention of parents.

"The huntsman with the day begins to wind his mellow horn"—or will on the morrow if nothing happens. This is, however, merely figurative; a poetical manner of speech. Our Dixon huntsmen have but little to do with horns, unless it may happen that some of the real old-timers might take a horn before starting out. On the morrow, when "jocund morn stands tiptoe on the misty mountain top" a half dozen of our most expert Nimrods go out with their ramrods and guns for the express purpose of slaughtering the innocent rabbit. The affair is to be some sort of a contest, not as to which is most blood-thirsty; but as a trial of marksmanship; a sort of a hunt after the boy that has shot the most rabbits. They have chosen sides and the party bringing in the most game will eat a supper at the expense of the hunters who are not so fortunate. The object of taking Christmas for a contest of this sort is owing to the fact that the small boys of the neighborhood are generally found just loaded down with rabbits on that day; and it follows as a natural sequence, indeed a clear illustration of the infallibility of aprior reasoning, that a holiday is a good day for rabbits. Judge Steel is Captain of the squad. The teams consist of Frank Austin, Chas. Godfrey, Geo. Laing, Thos. Young and Stephen Austin. All bold hunters.

Church Announcements.

M. E. CHURCH.

At the Methodist church at half past seven there will be the usual Christmas eve services. Afterwards a supper for the children will be served in the Lecture room.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

At the Universalist church the usual Christmas services will be held.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the Baptist church there will be a supper served.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the Presbyterian church there will be given this evening the Cantata of St. Nicholas.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Christmas Eve, 7 o'clock p. m., the children's service with singing of corals and distribution of gifts to the Sunday school. Christmas day, 10 o'clock a. m., the celebration of the Holy Communion; 11:00 a. m. morning service and sermon. The church has been decorated with evergreens, and special music rehearsed for the first Christmas service with the new organ. A cordial invitation extended to all.

—The Episcopal choir will go to Grand Detour to-morrow morning where services will be held.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Christmas concert to-night by the Lutheran Sunday school and supper in the lower room for the school. Concert exercises at 7:30.

—The Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, of the Lutheran church of this city, made the following announcements to his congregation.

COMMUNION SERVICES, will be held on Sunday morning, Dec. 27th. At this service, a special offering will be taken for home and foreign missions, church extension and synodical purposes. Nothing can be more fitting and proper, than that we should commemorate the sufferings and death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God's most precious and marvelous manifestation of his love to men, by a generous offering, that the Gospel may be preached to all nations. This was the masters commission to his Disciples; and he says unto all his children, "If ye love me keep my commandments." This congregation is requested to raise a certain sum, that the work of the several Boards of our church may not be retarded. The amount is not quite one dollar per membership, per year; less than one-third of a cent per day. Surely this is a small amount, any one who wishes to do so can easily give it; but while a few may not think themselves able or willing to do this much, others can and should do more. What is asked is not the maximum but the minimum, we are requested to do at least this much and as much more as possible. Duty is limited only by our ability, "From those to whom little is given little will be required, and from those to whom much is given, much will be required." This church has always sustained the reputation of being one of the most prompt and liberal congregations in the synod. Your reputation for liberality has gone abroad and provoked others to good works also, may we now hope that you will continue to merit this reputation in the future. Remember the Saviour's word: "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit."

A full attendance is desired at every service. There is inspiration in numbers; "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." Let us remember that aside from our own personal and irreparable loss, our absence is felt by the whole church; indeed the whole body of Christ is made to suffer. We would especially like to see a larger attendance of adults in the Sabbath School, and more children in the sanctuary. Let each one ask how we can increase the attendance and interest at every service. It is the Lord's work; "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

—Sunday, January 3. Sermons: "Occupy till I come," Luke 19: 13. Monday, January 4. "Praise and Thanksgiving." Tuesday, January 5. "Humiliation and Confession." Wednesday, January 6. "The Church and the Family." Thursday, January 7. "Home and Foreign missions." Friday, January 8. "Nations and Governments." Saturday, 9. "The Christian's life." Sunday, January 10, Sermons: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye, yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord," Luke 12: 35, 36. Services will be held each night during this week, unless otherwise announced.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Appropriate services, including sermon and preparatory services, will be held Christmas morning, Friday, Dec. 25th, at 10:45. "Let us magnify his name together."

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday morning, January 3, immediately after morning services. The regular services on that morning will begin at 10:15, one-half hour earlier than usual. Every member should remain for this meeting.

I suppose all the boys and girls, and we are all boys and girls when Christmas comes, are wondering whether Santa Claus and his reindeers will visit them this year, and how generous he will be when he comes; whether he will bring them a doll with blue eyes and golden curls, or whether he will bring them a pair of skates or a sleigh, or a pony, or a real live pony with blood in it; or a beautiful Christmas tree, the emblem of eternal life, laden with everything that is nice and good; Some are wondering whether he will think to bring a fine fat turkey for a Christmas dinner, and lots of candies and nuts. Well children just have faith and hang up your stockings; the largest one you can find, for while Santa has a great many children to visit, yet he is a rich, generous old gentleman. His reindeers travel swiftly, and I trust he will visit you all and fill every heart with good cheer, and leave you many tokens of his love for children, by which you may remember him, and fondly wait his coming another year.

CONDENSED NEWS.

A son and niece of Madame Modjeska were married in New York Wednesday.

Mrs. T. M. Wendling, an insane citizen of Milwaukee, deliberately smothered her child during her husband's absence at work.

In a contest at New York for \$200 a side, Frank Barrett opened 2,500 oysters and John Gillen, 2,300 in two hours and eighteen minutes.

The striking miners at Bevier, Mo., kept up a fire on the stockade during Tuesday night, and the sheriff has been called upon for aid.

Rev. F. W. Fisk, president of the Chicago Theological seminary, was married Wednesday to Mrs. Dr. S. J. Hitchcock, of Lake Geneva, Wis.

A court in New York has rendered a decision that Miss Ellen King can not recover from innocent purchasers the value of bonds stolen from her residence.

By means of an invention by the superintendent of the station at Wood's Holl Mass., hundreds of millions of codfish eggs can be simultaneously hatched.

The people of Sophia are preparing a brilliant reception for Prince Alexander, who is soon to march into that city at the head of the Pirot division of his army.

Emma Merlotin, an abandoned French woman residing alone at Portland, Ore., the owner of two brick houses, was during Tuesday night literally hacked to pieces by robbers.

Burglars took a car-load of jewelry from the store of Ramsey & Co., at Milton, Ont. Others secured \$1,300 worth of plunder by blowing the safe of E. C. Price, at Jamestown, Pa.

In a Brooklyn sugar refinery Joseph Walsh was chopped to pieces in a circular mill. A friend named Frederick Bird gathered the fragments, and soon fell dead from witnessing the horrible scene.

Judge Graham has dismissed the suits brought in Chicago by B. G. Schley to establish title to half the ground on which the city of Pullman was built, thus upholding the intention of the grantor twenty-nine years ago.

A fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, destroyed the Colonial rope walk, the most extensive in the world, valued at \$140,000. Mackay's wharf and warehouse at Hamilton, Ont., worth \$30,000, were burned Wednesday.

A constable at Clinton, Wisconsin, found in a stable \$1,523.50 in gold coin, which had been taken from William Graham by a masked robber. A much larger sum in currency was hidden in a stove, where it was destroyed by fire.

Moukhtar Pasha, the Turkish commissioner to Egypt, has left Constantinople for Cairo, on account of a promise by the marquis of Salisbury to defend Turkish interests in the Balkans so long as they are in union with the views of other European powers.

Ronan Nose, once the chief medicine man of the Cheyennes, who last spring killed a white woman in Indian territory, has been surrendered to the civil authorities at Leavenworth, by order of Attorney General Garland, to be tried in the federal courts for murder.

An assignment has been made by the Holmes Lumber company of Detroit, with liabilities of \$45,000. The iron and steel works at Coshocton, Ohio, shut down because of inability to do business at the prices prevailing. The dry-goods firm of Atwater & Pratt, at Jacksonville, Ill., failed for \$25,000.

A magistrate in London Wednesday examined John and Sarah Magee, who attempted to obtain £1,000 from the prince of Wales by revealing the names of four men who intended to murder him. A draft of the letters having been found in the man's pocket-book, he was committed for trial, but the charge against the woman was withdrawn.

Mrs. E. E. Riley, who died on Tuesday night at Newattle, Ky., lost her mental balance through an introduction to the Grand Duke Alexis. Ever after that event she appeared in public with a crown, imagining that she was the wife of the duke. Her husband deserted her on discovering that she was an adopted instead of the natural daughter of a Cincinnati family.

On the Hunt for a Madstone.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24.—A young man named Pearson, living near Altoona, is in mortal dread of hydrophobia. His brother recently adopted a strange dog, which in a day or so bit two horses, and he killed the canine. The horses have died, and before their death one of them bit Pearson, lacerating his hand badly. He has gone to Missouri in quest of a madstone.

Another Oil Region.

[Chicago Times.]

Traces of oil have been discovered in Dickson county, Virginia, and shafts sunk to ascertain the strength of the stream. Twelve barrels per day flow from an opening made to one of the streams. Parties acquainted with the oil regions of Pennsylvania pronounce the oil in Dickson county as good as that. The land-holders in the region of the oil have a bonanza in this new development.

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EGAN'S UTTERANCES.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE IN AMERICA

Thought to Have Said Too Much for the Good of the Cause—Success of the Cork Boycotters—Parnell's Plans.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The London representative of The Globe cables as follows: Great interest was aroused Wednesday among politicians of all classes by the publication of the utterances of Mr. Egan at Lincoln, Neb., which were cabled over here by the special cable correspondents. While the Irish National league of America, of which Mr. Egan is president, is an entirely separate organization from the Irish National league in Ireland, and has no authority to dictate the latter's policy, yet the wishes of the American league have all the weight that is implied by the fact of its being the source whence comes the major portion of the funds upon which Mr. Parnell and his Nationalist coadjutors depend as the means of carrying their political schemes to a successful issue. Mr. Egan is therefore regarded as one speaking with authority, and when he says: "I believe that the Irish people will accept nothing short of the autonomy enjoyed by Canada," people naturally infer that he speaks not only for the Irish residents of America, but for the Nationalists of Ireland, and they also infer that America stands ready to furnish money enough to continue Parnell's fight until the independence of Ireland is gained.

And it is not believed to be entirely accidental that these oracular declarations by the official leader of the Irish in America should follow so closely upon the heels of the statement cabled over a few days ago that the Irish National league of America is now forwarding money to Parnell at the rate of over \$1,300 per day, and has kept up this enormous contribution for two months. People in discussing this matter are naturally inquiring whether Mr. Parnell could, even if his own judgment favored a more modest policy, afford now to ask less than is demanded by the chief of an organization which furnishes him the sinews of war.

An Irish member of parliament, who for reasons of political prudence wished his name withheld, said to your correspondent when asked what he thought of Mr. Egan's remarks: "I am sorry Mr. Egan has thought it proper at this juncture to express such views. The tendency of too much confidence and too great demands on our part just now is to strengthen the incipient movement for an alliance of Whigs and Conservatives, as against Parnell and Gladstone. We can not afford to do anything to further that alliance. You will notice that Mr. Parnell has avoided as far as possible making any demands that would arouse the fears of the Whigs as to the permanency of the union. Mr. Egan's talk about the revolutionary element, which embraces the most daring Irishmen in Ireland and America, being ready to fight England if Parnell fails, is the worst thing that could be put forward now by an official who is regarded, whether correctly or not, or occupying a position hardly less than second to Parnell's in the practical control of the policy of our race. I don't want to claim to speak for Mr. Parnell. He is in an embarrassing position. It would be suicidal for him to disavow the official voice of the American league, and equally fatal for him to confirm it. He has been placed in similar positions before, especially when The London Times challenged him every day for a long period to avow whether he favored the so-called outrages upon land agents in Ireland. I think, however, that we can trust now, as then, in his diplomatic instinct, to bring his party through difficulties such as inevitably come up from time to time to harass any statesman and leader of a people."

Mr. Parnell proposes to show that whether Mr. Gladstone settles the Irish question in the English parliament, or Lord Salisbury, it will be as instruments of the Nationalists. It is perfectly well known that the queen approves the principle of home rule for Ireland, but there is no reason to believe that the sovereign is committed to any ministerial scheme. The subject will undoubtedly be mentioned in the queen's speech. Mr. Gladstone will challenge the government, and if he defeats it will take office and bring in his Irish bill. If the government should be sustained the ministerial bill will be brought. When the ministerial measure is introduced whether it is Gladstone's or Salisbury's, Parnell's obvious course will be to decline to act as advisor of either party, and to offer the only effective constitutional solution in his power—namely: to ask leave to bring in a measure of his own, throwing upon the English parties the responsibility of rejecting it.

The Cork Boycott a Success.

CORK, Dec. 24.—The experiment of the cattle dealers, of chartering steamers to run in opposition to the boycotted Cork Steam Packet line, has resulted in the complete surrender of the boycotted company. The terms of the surrender were completed Wednesday. The Cork Steam Packet company agrees to refuse to transport cattle which have been seized for rent, or which have been raised on farms from which the tenants have been evicted; to assume the unexpired charters of the dealer's steamers, and to pay the losses which the dealers have incurred by running their steamers and in other ways since the boycotting began. These losses amount to several thousand pounds sterling, but the directors of the Cork company deemed it better for the interests of the shareholders to pay for the losses rather than to have their own steamers resting in idleness for an indefinite period. The Nationalists are exultant over their victory.

Irish National League Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—In view of a cablegram received from Secretary Harrington, of the Irish National league, stating that Mr. Parnell could not attend the Chicago convention to be held next month, President Egan has decided to indefinitely postpone the convention. The national committee of the American league will meet some day in January, by which time there may be information from Ireland enabling a definite date to be fixed for the convention.

NOTES FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Published a Little Too Verbatim.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—The department of state is greatly exercised over the fact that the report of United States Consul General Mueller, in Germany, found its way into press dispatches of Tuesday. It appears that it is customary for the consular reports to be placed in charge of the chief clerk of the department, who exercises his discretion in the matter of allowing them to be made public. In some manner unknown to the officials the report in question was given out without undergoing the usual diplomatic pruning. Wednesday the newspapers published extracts from the report showing that Germany, in the opinion of Consul General Mueller, was retrograding; that there existed an official ill-will against the United States, and that Germany dreaded the importation of American ideas much more than she did the importation of American hogs. When the newspapers containing these statements reached the department, and the language of Consul General Mueller was found to be verbatim in the newspapers with that contained in his report, there was much consternation in the department, not because Consul General Mueller made the statement, but because it appeared in the newspapers. Consul General Mueller may now expect some instructions in the language of diplomacy, and in the meantime it is said correspondence is in progress to try and explain away the anti-imperial ideas contained in his report.

The President's Christmas.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—The president will spend Christmas Day quietly at the White House. He will have no company, but will eat his Christmas dinner with Miss Cleveland.

There was a good attendance at the White House Wednesday afternoon, and the president was the recipient of many wishes for a "Merry Christmas." The most observed person present at the reception was Dr. Mary Walker. She had been unable to reach the president during the morning, and waited for nearly two hours to see him in the east room. She did not fall into line, but made a flank movement and reached the president behind the ushers. She placed a letter in his hand and asked his indorsement. The president replied between handshakes that he would do what he could, and doctor went away happy.

Commissioner Sparks Issues a Circular.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—Land Commissioner Sparks has issued a circular to registers and receivers of land offices, directing them to keep two dockets, one of contested cases, containing a full record of the action taken therein by all parties, and another docket, in which shall be entered every entry of every character which is held for cancellation, or in which further evidence is called for, or other actions. The circular is issued because of "the habitual failure of local officers to promptly notify the general land office when appeals are not taken from decisions or actions of this office, or where parties do not comply with requirements made, or when they take no action under notice to be given," thus involving great embarrassment and delay.

Stamped as a Campaign Lie.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—Dispatches were published in New York Wednesday afternoon stating that Collector Hedden for the port of New York has been removed and Hubert O. Thompson appointed in his place, and that United States District Attorney Dorschner of New York, had likewise been removed, and Randolph B. Martine, district attorney of New York county, appointed in his place. It can be authoritatively stated that there is no truth whatever in these reports. The nominations of Mr. Hedden and Mr. Dorschner are both pending before the senate and have not yet been acted upon, and it would be impossible for other gentlemen to be appointed in their places until their nominations were either rejected or withdrawn.

Willing to Bridge the Chasm.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—Senator Mahone has received a letter from a resident of Watertown, N. Y., in which the writer says he is drawing a pension, but is able to live without it, and requests the senator to send him the name of a wounded Confederate soldier who is poor and in needy circumstances, and he will send it to him monthly. Senator Mahone requested Gen. Stith Bolling, the postmaster at Petersburg, Va., to recommend a worthy soldier, and that official has recommended George W. McLaughlin, of Lunenburg county, who lost a leg in the war.

Held To Be Entitled to a Pension.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—In the case of an application for a pension on the part of a man who had been dishonorably discharged for desertion upon going into a battle, but who subsequently re-enlisted and was wounded, the commissioner of pensions has decided that the dismissal from the service was the completion of the punishment of the offense, and does not destroy his claim for a pension for injuries received during the second service.

Will Stick to His Position.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—A rumor is current, but not credited, that Commissioner Sparks has been tendered the Austrian mission and that he will soon resign to accept this or some other position. Commissioner Sparks denies all knowledge of this programme and announces his intention to stick to the general land office.

Christmas Gift for Mrs. Grant.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—It is said the president will sign the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Grant in time for that measure to become a law before Christmas Day.

Speculating with Other People's Money.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—During the investigation of John B. Mannix, the defaulting assignee of Archbishop Purcell, Wednesday afternoon, receipts were shown from a broker firm for bonds and money aggregating \$306,623.09, which was lost in speculating on stocks in New York. Mannix professed not to know what stock it was lost on, except that Western Union telegraph, New York Central railroad, St. Paul and other stocks was dealt in. He had destroyed all records and memoranda of the speculations, which extended from August, 1882, until 1902.

HALF A HUNDRED KILLED.

DEATH-DEALING EXPLOSION IN A WELSH COAL-PIT.

Fifty Killed Instantly and Many More Terribly Burned—Search for the Bodies Going on—The Balkans—France and Madagascar.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An explosion occurred Wednesday in the Ferndale coal mine, near Pont-y-Fridd, Wales, in the upper one of two seams which were being worked. There was 750 men and boys at work in the two seams at the time of the explosion but fortunately a majority of them were at work in the lower seam. At least fifty of those in the upper seam were killed outright, and scores of others were terribly burned. Many of those who received no injuries were stunned by the shock. The men from the lower seam rushed to the mouth of the pit, and several of them fainted when they reached the outer air. The uninjured survivors in the upper seam carried out the wounded. By this time almost the entire population of the place had assembled around the mouth of the pit, and there were pitiful expressions of despair when it was found that all the living miners had been brought to the surface, and that fifty or sixty more were still missing. Relays of miners are now searching for the bodies of the dead.

Greece Gets the Fat in the Fire.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—By the unexpected action of the Greek government, inspired by influences hostile to permanent peace, the whole eastern question threatens to be reopened. Greece has sent a note to the great powers reviewing the recent bloody work in the Balkan states and renewing the claims put forward at the Berlin conference to a rectification of the Græco-Turkish frontier. The note declares that the impending unification of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia constitutes a recognition by the signatory powers of a violation of the treaty of Berlin, and brings up issues vital to the existence of the Greek kingdom. The powers are therefore asked to make the claims of Greece to the rectification of frontiers one of the subjects to be discussed when the revision of the treaty of Berlin is undertaken by Europe.

Another View of the Madagascar Treaty.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: "By the treaty of peace between France and Madagascar, the former virtually abandons her pretensions in Madagascar, and the ruler of the Hovas is recognized as the sovereign of the whole island. The statements about a French protectorate and a war indemnity are nonsense. The draft of the treaty does not mention a protectorate, while the so-called indemnity is intended to reimburse Europeans whose property was damaged by the war, and not a penny of it will enter the French treasury."

Want to Build Railways in China.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Deutsche Disconto-Gesellschaft bank of Berlin and Herr Krupp, of Essen will send delegates to China next month to negotiate with the Imperial government for concessions to build railroads to connect the Chinese empire with Burma and other parts of Asia and to facilitate internal intercourse.

GOOD WITH THEIR "GUNS."

A Family Affair in Tennessee—Three Men Fatally Shot.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—News has reached this city of a very sensational and sanguinary conflict between two families in Clay county, Tennessee, among whom was a bitter vendetta of a long standing. As a result of the affair three men are mortally wounded and two quite seriously. Leary James and Budd Taylor and George Scarborough attended a school examination, and on their return home began drinking heavily, and in their drunken orgies met a man named Stullia Stewart who is related to a family named Coe, against whom the Taylors had a feud of long-standing. They assaulted Stewart and would have beaten him nearly to death had not three members of the Coe family come up at a fortunate moment. All the parties were armed to the teeth and a fierce battle with pistols now ensued. The short-range duels were very effective, and as a result James Taylor was shot through the bowels, Budd Taylor through both hips, Scarborough through the lungs, and George Taylor was wounded in three places. The Coes escaped unscathed.

Pennsylvania Railway Finances.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—The following is a statement of the business of all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad company east of Pittsburgh and Erie, for the month of November, 1885, as compared with the same month of last year: Increase in gross earnings, \$30,602; decrease in expenses, \$119,973; increase in net earnings, \$149,574. The eleven months of 1885 as compared with the same period of 1884, show a decrease in expenses of \$1,061,635; a decrease in earnings of \$2,167,604. All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for the eleven months of 1885 show a deficiency in meeting all liabilities of \$1,240,292, being an increased deficiency as compared with the same period of 1884, of \$515,101.

The Wife-Killing Coward Again.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Aaron Shaw, a farmer at Flemingville, near Owego, shot and mortally wounded his wife Wednesday, and then shot himself dead. Mrs. Shaw left her husband two years ago after a quarrel, and has since lived at the house of a neighbor. Shaw went to see her there Wednesday morning and after some conversation shot her. He then went to his own house and shot himself. He was 62 years old, and his wife 48.

Attacked by Striking Miners.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Seventy-naked miners attacked the working in the O.H. Eagle mines near Monaca City about day light and compelled them to return to their homes. Several persons were injured.

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RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS.

CHURCH AND STATE CONTROVERSY IN SOUTH AMERICA.

In Which the State So Far Is Ahead—
The Pope's Representative Given
His Passports—Pope Leo
on the Subject.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—A series of dispatches received by the secretary of state from Minister Thomas O. Osborn at Buenos Ayres, the last of which is dated Oct. 16, 1884, describes an interesting episode in the nature of a struggle between church and state in the Argentine Republic for the control of the normal schools—a struggle which soon became the dominant issue in national politics and absorbed much of the attention of the government and the people. In the normal school of that republic, established and supported by the national government, many Protestant teachers, mostly ladies from the United States, are employed. On the 25th of April, 1884, Dr. Clara, a Catholic ecclesiastic and acting bishop at Cordova, issued a pastoral letter prohibiting among other things the sending of Catholic children to schools where Protestant teachers were employed. The national government, considering it an act of disrespect and insubordination, took the matter up, and, after the exchange of several notes between the minister of education, the governor of the province of Cordova, and Dr. Clara, referred it to the attorney general for his opinion. The attorney general, in a long report giving a full review of the relations of the state and the church, gives the opinion that the government, which confirmed church nominations, could discipline and dismiss. President Roca accepted this opinion as sound doctrine and issued a decree dismissing Dr. Clara. This was followed by a sharp discussion in the press and also in congress, where a resolution was introduced calling for all the correspondence, and protests by the authorities of the church, charging priestly subversion on the one side and encroachment and persecution by the civil authorities on the other. Notwithstanding the decree, Dr. Clara refused to accept his dismissal and continued to exercise the functions of his priestly office. He even issued a second pastoral, in which he asserted that it was his duty to obey instructions from Rome rather than the laws of the national government. The people are now divided into two parties, clerical and anti-clerical. Congress passed a bill which had been introduced at the previous session providing that in schools of the national capital there should be no sectarian test or teaching. In the discussion of the budget of the minister of education and worship a hot debate took place on a section relating to the suppression of the seminaries for the education of priests, and Minister Devitt, who took part in the discussion, made it known that the president, by withholding supplies, was determined to press the question to the point of separation of church and state. Dr. Maltera, the apostolic delegate, anathematized the normal school of Cordova, of which Miss Clara Armstrong, an American lady and a Protestant, was director, and having been requested by Miss Armstrong to remove the anathema consented on condition that she secure certain pledges from the minister of worship. This she attempted to do, but was sharply reprimanded by the minister, who told her that the government employed her to teach sciences, and that Dr. Maltera had no authority to interfere. The minister called upon Dr. Maltera for an explanation of his interference with the laws and authorities of the country, and, as the explanations were not made, the minister sent the apostolic delegate his passports, and required him to leave the country within twenty-four hours. The requirement was complied with. The secular press charged Dr. Maltera with having been the instigator of all the trouble. "It is quite probable," writes Mr. Osborn in his latest dispatch, "that the president will send in a message asking congress to approve a call for a convention to amend the constitution in order to relieve the state from the church."

THE POPE AND THE SCHOOLS.

His Holiness Urges the Importance of Religious Education.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—A copy of a letter sent by Pope Leo XIII to the Roman Catholic hierarchy of England has just been received in Baltimore, the primate see of the church in America. The subject of the letter is Christian education. It has been translated and published in full in the Catholic Mirror. The holy father says: "In these days, and in the present condition of the world, when the tender age of childhood is threatened on every side by so many and such various dangers, hardly anything can be imagined more fitting than the union with literary instruction of sound teaching in faith and morals. For this reason we have more than once said that we strongly approve of the voluntary schools, which, by the work and liberality of private individuals, have been established in America and elsewhere. We desire their increase as much as possible. We, ourselves, also, seeing the condition of things in this city, continue with the greatest effort and at great cost to provide an abundance of such schools for the children of Rome. For it is in and by these schools that the Catholic faith, our greatest and best inheritance, is preserved whole and entire. In these schools the liberty of parents is respected; and, what is most needed, especially in the prevailing license of opinion and of action, it is by these schools that good citizens are brought up for the state, for there is no better citizen than the man who has believed and practiced the Christian faith from his childhood. The very foundations of the state are ruined by the destructive error of those who would have children brought up without religious education. You see, therefore, venerable brethren, with what earnest forethought parents must beware of intrusting their children to schools in which they can not receive religious teaching."

MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

Will Hunt the Murderous Apaches with Bloodhounds.

DEMING, N. M., Dec. 24.—Leading citizens of Silver City held a meeting Tuesday night to devise means for prosecuting a war of extermination against the murderous Apaches. It was at first thought the government would purchase forty or fifty bloodhounds to track the Indians, both Gens. Crook and Bradley favoring the proposition as the only really available means of pursuing the red butchers. Word was received from Santa Fe that the army officers were willing to recommend the employment of bloodhounds, but thought it would be several months before the war department would act upon their recommendation. Upon learning this the citizens, in high disgust at the red tape, called the meeting and determined to raise money by subscription for the purchase of a pack of bloodhounds, and for again, equipping and putting local militia in the field. Wealthy ranchmen in attendance pledged over \$3,000 for the purchase of bloodhounds. It was also determined to raise a picked company of 300 experienced Indian fighters from the several districts in the territory, who will immediately take the field and campaign the remainder of the winter. Indian affairs have reached a crisis. The patience of the settlers is about exhausted, and thousands of families have come to the conclusion that either the Apaches or the settlers must quit the country.

The Saints Admit the Conspiracy.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 24.—A great crowd attended the Hampton conspiracy trial Wednesday. Many witnesses were examined, including the members of the grand jury that indicted Hampton, who testified that Hampton had admitted before the grand jury that he hired the woman to open a house of prostitution to entrap certain persons. The prosecution made out a strong case. The defendant was placed on the witness stand, and admitted hiring lewd women as "female detectives," but denied opening the houses. He sent \$300 to San Francisco for a prostitute, but she didn't come. He had agreed to give the Field woman \$25 a head for all she caught and made affidavits against. He and the police did the work for nothing. Frank Armstrong, county selectman and officer in the church, admitted that he contributed \$500 for hiring these women. He said the scheme was put through by an association of citizens.

Chinese Contribution to the Grant Monument.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mayor Grace Wednesday received a check for \$500 from Secretary of State Bayard, accompanied by the following letter: CHINESE LEGATION, WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24.—His EXCELLENCY T. F. BAYARD—DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that I have just received a cable message from Viceroy Li, of China, desiring me to donate for him through the kindness of your excellency, the sum of \$300 toward the monument to be erected in the city of New York in memory of his old friend Gen. Grant. For the same purpose I desire also to add \$200 in my own name. I take the liberty to inclose a check for the amount of \$500 and to ask that you will forward it to the proper quarters.

"With great respect I have the honor to be your obedient servant,"

"CHENG TSAO JU."

Want to Talk Matters Over.

FARGO, D. T., Dec. 24.—A call has appeared for a delegate convention to meet at Fargo Jan. 12, and continue in session several days, composed of from one to fourteen delegates from each of the several counties of north and central Dakota, also a portion of northern Minnesota, the latter and central Dakota only to take part in the discussion of matters of common interest. The objects stated are to give expression to public sentiment upon division and statehood; the connecting of Lake Traverse and Big Stone lake by canal, giving the Red river valley a water outlet through these lakes and the Minnesota river to the Gulf of Mexico; the ruling of Commissioner Sparks in land matters, and lastly the decision of the United States supreme court in the Northern Pacific land case.

Billiardists Tied Once More.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The third night's play of the billiard tournament was between the old rivals, Schaefer and Slosson, and was won by the former in a well-contested game of thirty-four innings. In the twelfth inning, when Schaefer had the lead by 63, Slosson failed to remember the "out" and "in" rule, and when Referee Callahan stopped him with 9 buttons added to his string, his face was a chromo of disgust. The largest runs were: Schaefer—54, 56, 78, 58, 122, 94; Slosson—71, 55, 108, 69, 59, 51. Averages: Schaefer, 23 1/2-34; Slosson, 20 8-33. Score: Schaefer, 800; Slosson, 698. The tie will most probably be played off in private at the Brunswick & Balke warerooms.

The Fire at Vincennes, Ind.

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 24.—Near midnight Tuesday night a fire broke out in McJinney's livery stable, opposite the Grand hotel. The fire soon crossed the street, enveloped the Grand hotel and Gardner & Son's large undertaking and furniture establishment, which was destroyed. The hotel was vacant. Loss on it is estimated at \$30,000, partly insured. McJinney's loss is about \$5,000; insured for \$4,000. The fire was checked shortly after 2 o'clock, with a total loss of about \$30,000. The insurance foots up about \$30,000.

Hog-Packing in the West.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The Cincinnati Price Current says that 515,000 hogs were packed in the west last week, as compared with 535,000 for the same week last year. This makes the total to date, since the 1st of November, 3,775,000 hogs, against 3,275,000 a year ago. The movement since Nov. 1 at the principal points is as follows: Chicago, 1,505,000; Kansas City, 306,000; Cincinnati, 240,000; St. Louis, 225,000; Milwaukee, 202,000; Indianapolis, 190,000; Louisville, 113,000; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 105,000.

Shaler in Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wednesday afternoon Maj. Gen. Alexander Shaler was arraigned before Judge Cowing in the court of general sessions. Elihu Root, who ap-

peared for the general, moved that the plea of not guilty be entered, with leave to withdraw and permission to substitute other plea. The appearance of the chief officer in the National guard of the state attracted a throng of interested spectators, many of whom were recognized as officers of the guard.

Annual Railroad Earnings.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Following are among the annual railroad reports filed Wednesday: New York, Chicago & St. Louis, gross earnings, \$8,111,739; net earnings, \$303,903. New York, Ontario & Western, gross earnings, \$1,000,275; net earnings, \$336,315. Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, gross earnings, \$4,872,708; net earnings, \$2,813,430.

She Trusted a Nice Young Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ellen G. Lee, of 3232 South La Salle street, was victimized Wednesday at the postoffice by a confidence man, who obtained \$240 from her by offering to secure her money order for her and save her the trouble of pressing through the crowd. The police are looking for the sharper, who is a young, smooth-faced man about five feet six inches tall, with light hair, wearing a felt hat and a dark, silk-faced overcoat.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.
WHEAT—No. 2 January, opened 83 3/4c, closed 84 1/4c; February, opened 84c, closed 84 3/4c; May, opened 85 3/4c, closed 86 1/4c.
CORN—No. 2 year, opened 37c, closed 36 3/4c; January, opened 36 3/4c, closed 36 3/4c; February, opened 36 3/4c, closed 36 3/4c.
OATS—No. 2 January, opened 27 3/4c, closed 27 3/4c; February, opened 27 3/4c, closed 27 3/4c; May, opened 31c, closed 30 3/4c.
PORK—January, opened \$9.85, closed \$9.83 1/2; February, opened \$9.85, closed \$9.82 1/2; March, opened and closed \$10.02 1/2.
LARD—January, opened and closed \$5.93.
HOGS—The market opened quiet and steady on light grades, and moderately active and 5c higher on heavy; light grades, \$3.20@3.65; rough packing, \$3.45@3.65; heavy packing and shipping lots, \$3.65@3.90.
CATTLE—Good grades stronger; beef cattle, \$3.45@3.45; butchers, \$2.00@4.00.
SHEEP—Steady; inferior, \$1.75@2.75; good, \$3.00@4.00.
DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 4@5c per lb; ducks, 7 1/2@8 1/2c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c.
POPKORN—Early rose, 47@50 per bu; Burlington, 58@62c; mixed lots, 45@50c, all off track in car lots; Illinois sweet potatoes, \$3.00@3.25.
BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 33@35c per lb; good dairy, 18@22c; packing, 7@8c.
EGGS—Fresh-laid, 22c per doz; cold storage, 19@20c; pickled, 10@17c.
APPLES—Choice to fancy, \$1.50@2.00 per bbl; seconds, \$1.00@1.25.

New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.
WHEAT—No. 2 red winter, January, 90 3/4c; do February, 92 1/4c.
CORN—No. 2 mixed, February, 47 3/4c.
OATS—No. 2 mixed, January, 33 3/4c.
RYE—Dull and nominal.
BARLEY—Steady.
PORK—Dull, market, \$9.87 1/2@10.25.
LARD—\$6.31 1/2 December and January.
St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.
WHEAT—Very quiet and steady; No. 3 red cash, 82 1/4c, nominal; December, 82 1/4c; February, 82 3/4c; May, \$1.00@1.01.
CORN—Very quiet and a shade easier; No. 2 mixed, cash, 33 3/4c; December, 32 1/4c; January, 32c; February, 31 3/4c; May, 30 3/4c.
OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, cash, 27c; December, 27c; May, 31c.
RYE—Steady, 54 1/2c.
WHISKY—\$1.10.
PORK—Nominal; new, \$10.00.
LARD—Steady and unchanged; \$5.80@5.85.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 23.
WHEAT—Steady; cash, 91@91 1/2c; December, 91c; January, 92 1/4c; February, 93 3/4c; May, 97 1/4c.
CORN—Quiet; cash or year, 38c; January, 37 1/2c; May, 39 3/4c.
OATS—Dull; cash, 30c; May, 23 1/4c.
CLOVER SEED—Steady; cash, December or January, \$5.40; February, \$5.50.

Detroit.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.
WHEAT—No. 1 white, 90c cash and December; 91 1/2c January; 92 1/2c May; No. 2 red, 88 1/2c cash and December; 89 1/2c bid January; 92 1/2c February; 9c May; No. 3 red, 85 1/2c asked.
CORN—33 1/2c.
OATS—No. 2 white, 32 1/2c; No. 2, 30.

Death of a Prominent Clergyman.

HANOVER, N. H., Dec. 24.—A dispatch announces the death Wednesday of Rev. Daniel James Noyes, D.D., at Chester, N. H., aged 73 years. He was graduated from Dartmouth in 1832 and from Andover Theological seminary in 1836, was a tutor at Dartmouth in 1837; was pastor of the Congregational church at Concord till 1849; professor of divinity at Dartmouth from 1849 to 1859 and from 1859 to 1882, when he resigned on account of ill health he was professor of intellectual philosophy and political economy.

Headly Eulogizes Foraker.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Governor Headly was banqueted Wednesday night by the members of the military staff. It was an elegant affair, and toasts were responded to by each member present. Governor Headly in his speech paid a glowing tribute to Governor-elect Foraker.

Wedding Sensation in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—High society circles are considerably excited over the announcement of the clandestine marriage of Isaac Hodgson, Jr., son of the supervising architect of the new Minneapolis postoffice, and Miss Lou Gardner, the daughter of Mrs. G. Gardner, and granddaughter of D. R. Barber, one of the leading lumbermen of the city. She is but 17 years old, and has been attending school at the Mount Vernon seminary at Washington. Last September she came home on a visit, and on her return to Washington met Mr. Hodgson in Chicago, where they were married. The bride went on her way east and Mr. Hodgson came back to Minneapolis. The secret has just been disclosed, and Mrs. Hodgson sent home from school. Her mother met her in Chicago, where they now are. Mr. Hodgson has also gone to that city to claim his wife. It is said that Mrs. Gardner is quite ill in Chicago over the shock of her daughter's secret union.

War on the Oyster Fleet.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—A number of oyster schooners arrived here Wednesday with their sails riddled by bullet-holes. The dredgers report that early Sunday morning, while they were at work, 100 armed tongmen attacked them and began a fusillade with their weapons. Several of the dredgers were wounded, and the schooners were compelled to leave the grounds.

Weston Ahead of O'Leary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The score in the O'Leary-Weston walking match at mid-night Wednesday was: O'Leary 46 miles 8 laps; Weston 47 miles 8 laps, making a grand total of 704 miles 8 laps for O'Leary and 705 miles for Weston.

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TRAINS GOING EAST.		
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Pacific Express	10:52	"
Marshalltown Passenger	2:05	P. M.
Leaves	2:20	"
Denver Passenger	3:10	A. M.
Freight	3:57	P. M.
Freight	7:41	A. M.
Freight	1:45	P. M.
GOING WEST.		
Sterling Passenger	7:42	P. M.
Pacific Express	3:42	"
Marshalltown Passenger	12:45	"
Leaves	1:37	A. M.
Denver Passenger	5:48	"
Freight (except Monday)	5:48	"
Freight	12:25	P. M.
Freight	3:00	"
Freight	5:40	"
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ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.		
GOING SOUTH.		
Passenger	11:04	A. M.
Passenger	12:37	A. M.
New Passenger	5:57	P. M.
Freight	5:58	A. M.
Freight	9:22	P. M.
GOING NORTH.		
Passenger	2:15	P. M.
Passenger	3:20	"
New Passenger	6:16	A. M.
Freight	8:15	"
Freight	3:31	A. M.
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The state veterinarian of Pennsylvania found six cattle infected with pleuro-pneumonia in a herd at West Willow.

In an affray at Cyathians, Ky., between partners in stock-raising, named H. D. Frisbee and J. K. Lake, the former was fatally shot.

A Buffalo dispatch states that Gen. Augustus Meier, collector for X. Kottenbach's brewery, has absconded, and his books show a deficit of \$17,000.

Three letter-carriers in Omaha have been discharged for making charges against Postmaster Contant, a Republican, which Inspector Robinson found to be groundless.

The chancery court at Richmond has ordered the receiver of The Whig, a newspaper sixty-two years of age, to suspend its publication and find a market for the material heretofore used.

Secretary Everts has received from Consul Platt money and deeds taken from the body of Patrick Carroll, who died in the hospital at Cork last July. The real estate involved is located in Macon county, Illinois.

At a meeting in New York to raise funds to aid Mr. Parnell, \$2,100 was subscribed in fifteen minutes. The trustees of the unexpended contributions of 1848 handed over \$5,000 to the Parliamentary Fund association.

B. F. McCallum, a veteran soldier, of La Porte, Ind., died from a kick in the head by a horse. During a battle in Georgia, in 1864, he sighted the gun of the Fifth Indiana battery that killed Gen. Polk, of the Confederate army.

William Graham, living alone near Clinton, Wis., was confronted at his doorstep by a masked man, who compelled him to surrender \$4,000. A neighbor named Henry Lawson, formerly a member of the Cincinnati baseball club, has been arrested for the crime.

Benjamin Hays, formerly from Lexington, Mich., died in Chicago last Sunday, leaving a wife and six young children at 268 Rebecca street, who were found without a penny to procure food. The eldest son has tried to support the family by peddling kindling-wood, and is described by a neighbor as a hero.

The surgeon general of the Marine hospital service, on receiving a bottle of water taken from a hydrant in Lake View, adjoining Chicago, telegraphed the superintendent of the Marine hospital in that township to purchase filters at once. Gen. Hamilton has under consideration the boring of an artesian well.

At a meeting of stockholders in Chicago, Tuesday, the Evanston and Lake Superior roads were consolidated, with a capital of \$2,500,000, under the presidency of J. C. Easton. Negotiations are now in progress with the authorities of Evanston, where it is proposed to erect a depot within 100 feet of the Northwestern station. The line is to be extended from Lake Forest to Lake Geneva, via Libertyville.

The banking-house of Dow, Short & Co., of Syracuse, N. Y., holding deposits of \$40,000, made an assignment Tuesday to Charles P. Goodwin, with preferences amounting to \$38,000. The failure is also reported of O'Ferrall & Smith, manufacturers of agricultural implements at Piqua, Ohio. Emil Mueller, a grocer of Indianapolis, who transferred his stock to a wholesale firm at Cleveland, was promptly arrested for obtaining goods under false pretenses. The dry goods house of A. J. Flood, a Des Moines, was closed on attachments, his liabilities being \$15,000.

TO A VASSAR GIRL.

[A. M. F.]

Turn, turn those eyes, whose dewy light
Spreads tender languor o'er my soul;
Whose orbs, like evening vesper bright,
Through mists of melting softness roll;
Ah! turn those eyes, for now they dart
Resistless lightning through my heart.

Hide, hide those lips that smiling meet,
Vermil and warm as sunny fruit;
Through which thy breath, ambrosial
Week.

Colly denies my ardent suit.
Hide, hide those lips, for pity's sake!
They tempt the kiss I dare not take.

A GENEROUS WALL STREET PRINCE.

Wreaking Vengeance Upon a Double-Dealing Firm—A Plea for Mercy.

[New York Times.]

Commodore J. D. Smith, vice president of the stock exchange, tells a good story illustrative of the big-hearted way in which the late Charles Osborn always did things. A few years ago Mr. Osborn was a leader in a movement to bull the securities of a north-western railroad. Up went quotations and all the partners in the pool were happy until, of a sudden, prices upset when nobody was prepared to anticipate such a thing, and accumulated profits went headlong to smash.

Keen wit and his rare knowledge of men, however, served Osborn a good turn just then. He quickly fixed upon the source through which he had been betrayed, and before he quit Wall street that afternoon he paid a brief visit to the office of a firm who had been given a chance to participate in the original deal. Osborn was in his war paint, and the oratory that he deluged that office with was very much to the point. He served open notices of intended vengeance, and acts followed words. Within the next fortnight the head of the double-dealing firm was waiting in Osborn's office to ask for terms upon which to settle an account that he could not begin to meet at anything like its face demand. The selfish betrayal brought its costly sequel with an awful rapidity.

Finally the visitor got a chance to speak with Mr. Osborn. There was a deep-lined shame on his face, and his tones were those of a wretch who dared scarce presume to plead for any mercy; and yet—well, it must be humble petitions to the man whom Wall street fate had suddenly made masquerade; it must be humble petitions or else the public confession of bankruptcy, the utter loss of a fortune that only a little while ago had been quoted at hundreds of thousands on of thousands.

Charlie Osborn listened a moment or two to the man's pitiful tale, his preface to his plea for mercy. Then came quick and in a voice that was tinged with a feeling all else than jubilant this remarkable but characteristic interruption:

"Oh, say, old fellow, dry up your tears; go right back to your office and let us forget everything that is past and gone. Why! why! confound it! I'm a man!" And Charlie Osborn dashed a tear from his own cheek as he shook his visitor's hand and sent him away the happiest man in Wall street.

The Gypsies' National Dance.

[Brooklyn Eagle.]

The national dance of the gypsies when seen by night in an encampment of squalid tents, has a wild and startling effect. The group is seated around the fire which has cooked their evening meal, and whose flickering rays reveal the picturesque features of these simple children of nature. They listen intently to the music which is their personal entertainment. Presently a wild female form darts forward to commence the dance. She is scantily dressed and the wig drawn around her bosom envelops an infant of tender age. Placing her hand upon her lips she moves quickly right and left, advancing and retiring in a sidelong direction.

The male becomes quicker, her movements increase in rapidity and the clapping of hands and cries of her dusky companions rouse her to a frenzy of excitement. Her gestures are impassioned, her eyes fiery and the hair starts erect upon her head. She utters rapidly strange words of an unknown tongue to a tune still more strange and uncouth. The tawny infant seems to be inspired with the same fiend and cries and foams at the mouth like the mother. The dancer snatches the infant from her bosom, throws it in the air and allows the creature to fall into her outstretched arms. Her voice falters, her movements become less rapid, and overcome by exertion and excitement this unearthly song and dance terminates amid the frantic shouts of her companions.

Renovating Gilt Frames.

[Philadelphia Call.]

This renovation applies to spots which have been formed, and for removal of which rubbing does not answer as being liable to loosen the gilt, or for general dullness. Apply with a camel's hair pencil a gum solution to which has been added gold bronze, approaching the color of the frame. Before mixing with gum water the bronze must be washed with water until it runs off perfectly clear. Repeat the application until the spots disappear. Then rub yellow wax slightly over a bristle brush and pass the latter softly with a dusting motion over the surface. Cover the frame until the wax has hardened to protect from dust.

The Way to Train the Baby.

[Philadelphia Call.]

Do not take up babies every time they cry or they will soon learn to cry a great deal for that purpose. Be sure that they are made comfortable in every particular, and it will not hurt them to cry a little, and the wailing will soon cease if the child's wishes are not gratified. It is easier than one would at first suppose to teach infants to go to sleep without rocking, singing or telling stories to them.

Chicago Ledger: When the maiden is young, teach her how to cook, and when she is old her husband will cleave unto her with gladness.

Douglas Jerrold: A man never so beautifully knows his own strength as when he respects woman's softness.

Mental Grasp of the Journalist.

[Boston Herald.]

Journalism results in a universality of mind. The true journalist takes an active interest in the greatest variety of subjects. Politics, science, art, metaphysics, commerce—in short, all the varied fields of human activity occupy his attention. It is no wonder that journalism spoils a man for a specialist. A thorough journalist can not well ride a hobby, though for a time his interest in a particular subject may absorb him until he has grasped its general bearings.

His knowledge may be called superficial, but it is comprehensive; he learns all about a thing that he needs to know, and his ability to perceive quickly the salient points of an entirely new subject is often declared marvelous by the specialist who has devoted years to the study of that thing alone, and who knows little of anything outside. He has cultivated the capacity to acquire a thorough knowledge of any one of the many subjects which he thus fleetingly examines, but life is too precious to be thus passed, and he resists the temptation to turn down this lane or that, as they branch to the right or left, however enchanting the prospect they may offer, but keeps steadily along the great highway on the ridge whence he surveys all the world below.

From Nachusa.

At the home of the bride, near Nachusa, Dec. 17th, at ten o'clock a. m., Rev. W. A. Lipe united in marriage Miss Rebecca Hoff and Ephraim Weigle, of Franklin Grove. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony and extended many choice gifts and hearty wishes for a life of contentment mingled with happiness.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at the residence of the bride's parents, in this vicinity occurred the marriage of Mr. Chas. Garrison and Miss Clara Cleaver, Rev. W. A. Lipe officiating. This, undoubtedly, was a very enjoyable occasion for the many relatives and friends who gathered to witness the nuptials. The bride was tastefully attired in a rich, deep blue silk with white gloves, and flowers as ornaments. The groom wore the accustomed suit, and was much admired by all. The ceremony and usual congratulations over, the young couple led the way to the dining-room, where a delicious dinner was partaken of. The remainder of the day was spent with pleasantly, and the guests departed, leaving with the happy couple many valuable and useful gifts, accompanied with good wishes for the future prosperity and happiness. The elegant new home Chas. has prepared for his bride is about two miles from her former one.

An exceedingly pleasant time was enjoyed at the party recently given the young folks at Warren Dysart's. Oysters and cake were in order. All went home delighted with the kind hospitality shown by the host and hostess.

Another wedding soon.—still they go. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Seitz and daughter Carrie, are "here from Iowa," to spend the holidays.

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